संघ लोक सेवा आयोग की परीक्षाओं में अंग्रेजी की अनिवार्यता को समाप्त किया जाना

*56. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: (क) क्या सरकार ने संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा आयोजित की जाने वाली विभिन्न परीक्षाओं में अंग्रेजी की अनिवार्यता को समाप्त किए जाने की मांग पर अब तक कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मार्ग्रेट आल्वा): (क) से (ग) संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा आयोजित सिविल सेवा (मुख्य) परीक्षा में बैठने वाले उम्मीदवारों के पास पहले से ही यह विकल्प है कि वे अपने उत्तर अंग्रेजी, हिन्दी अथवा आठवीं अनुसूची में शामिल किसी अन्य भाषा में लिख सकते हैं। आयोग द्वारा आयोजित कुछ अन्य परीक्षाओं में भी उत्तर हिन्दी अथवा अंग्रेजी भाषा में लिखने का विकल्प दिया गया है। डा. सतीश चन्द्र की अध्यक्षता में एक विशेषज्ञ समिति ने संघ लोक सेवा आयोग की शेष परीक्षाओं में भारतीय भाषाओं के प्रयोग के मुददे पर विचार किया था और अपनी सिफारिशें प्रस्तुत की थीं। सरकार को इन सिफारिशों पर अभी अन्तिम निर्णय लेना है।

Increase in Pakistani troops along the Line of Control

*57. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has increased concentration of its troops along the Line of Control (LOC) in the Nowshera sector of Poonch district of J&K;

(b) whether according to the disclosure made by the Governor at J&K, Pakistan is preparing more than 10,000 Afghan "Mujahideens' to push them into Kashmir to escalate militancy-related violence in the Valley in its bid to continue disturbances in the state;

(c) when there has been unprovoked firing recently by Pakistani troops and use of rockets from across the Line of Control; and

(d) if so, what measures have been taken to safeguard the sovereignty and integrity of India against the nefarious Pakistani designs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ~ DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Government have no reports suggesting concentration of additional Pak troops along the Line of Control in the Nowshera sector.

(b) There are reports which indicate the presence of foreign mercenaries- including Afghans (who had participated in Afghan guerilla war) in Pakistan and POK. Some foreign mercenaries are also reported to have crossed over to the Valley.

(c) Unprovoked firing by Pakistanis across the Line of Control is endemic in nature. There has been some firing of rockets by pak troops during the period 2—31 January, 1994 in the Poonch Sector.

(d) The Government keeps a constant watch on all such developments impinging on our national security and takes appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness. Our troops are fully prepared and alert to face any contingency along the LOC.

Permission to Govt Officers to draw Pension from International Organisations

*58 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow Government officers to draw pension from international organisations like the World Bank and others;

(b) if so, what are the details of the order Government have issued in this regard;

(c) what are the names and designations of Government officers who have been drawing or have been permitted to draw pension from the international organisations;

(d) since when each of them has been drawing pension from such organisations;

(e) what are the reasons therefor in each case;

(f) how many of these officers have been drawing salary from Government exclusive of the Pension drawn by them from the International organisations; and

(g) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The question of allowing government servants to draw pensions form International organisations and certain related issues have been examined and it has been decided that government servants who have worked in International Organisations can be allowed to draw pensions from them as per their rules.

(b) The Government of India has issued orders *vide* Department of Personnel & Training O.M.No. 19/1/91- FA (UN) dated the 14th July, 1993, a copy of which is enclosed as statement *{see* below)

(c) to (g) This information is maintained by the concerned cadre controlling authority in respect of officers from each cadre. The information is not centrally consolidated in the Department of personnel & Training. India has an obligation as a Member-State of various International organisations like IMF, World Bank to lend the services of employees of the Government of India, the State Government as well as other Indians to these International Organisations. These employees deputed to International Organisations are allowed to draw salary/pension as per the rules of the International Organisation.

Statement

No. 19/1/91— FA(UN) Ministry of Personnel, P.G. and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) New Delhi, the 14 July, 1993

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Induction of Indian officials/ professionals working in international organisations like the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, into Government of India system.

Reference: The Ministery O.M of even number dated 7th May, 1993.

The question of allowing Government servants to draw pensions from international organisations and certain related issues have been examined. It has been felt that India has an obligation, as a Member-State of various international organisations like IMF, world Bank, etc. to lend the services of employees of the Government of India, the State Governments as well as other Indian professionals to these organisations. As such, there is no bar on lending the services of Governments employees as well as other Indian professionals to these international organisations in terms of the instructions on the subject. As a logical conclusion, there is no bar on drawing of pensions by Government employees who have served with international organisations in accordance with the instructions on the subject.

2. However, as far as the related question of inducting experts in Government of India while they hold a lien on jobs in international organisations, is concerned, it has been decided that if a person working in an international or foreign organisation is offered a clear vacancy with the Government of India,, he must sever his connections with his parent organisation. If, however, it is not possible to offer him a clear vacancy in the Government of India, the question of lien would be dealt with on a cases to case basis.

3. These instructions are issued in supersession of the OM referred to above and will come into force with immeidate effect.

(V. Lakshmi Ratan)
Joint Secretary to the Govt, of India

To,

The Chief Secretares of all

State Governments and Union Territories.

No. 19/1/91-FA(UN)

New Delhi, the 4ih July, 1993

Copy to:

. All Ministries/Departments/ Government of India with the request that contents of the

letter may be brought to the notice of all attached/subordinate/ public sector undertakings under their administrative control.

2. Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi.

3. Controller General of Defence Accounts.

4. Secretary, Union Public Service Commission.

5. Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.

6. Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi

7. Bureau of Public Enterprises, Mayur Bhavan, New Delhi.

8. Prime Minister's office.

9. All attached and subordinate offices of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

10. All officers of the Ministery of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and all Sections of the Department of Personnel and Training.

(R.G. Nadadur)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt, of India

Disinvestment of shares of AI and IA

*59. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the modalities and the procedure for disinvestment of shares of the Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) what is the book value and market value of the assets of these Airlines;

(c) what is the net worth of these Corporations and how these are arrived at;

(d) what is the expected accrual through disinvestments of 20 PC shares; and

(e) what is the number of planes operating in Indian sky of Indian Airlines and private airlines and what is the share of passenger traffic and revenue of both these sactors?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) the scheme of restructuring of Air India and Indian Airlines into public limited companies does not envisage any disinvestment of Government shares. Their equity to their workers and the public to meet growth requirements of the airlines.

(b) The book value of fixed assets of Air India was Rs. 20.47.49 crores as on 31.3.93. The book value of fixed assets of Indian Airlines was Rs.2324.93 crores as on 31.3.93. Valuation of fixed assets of Air India and Indian Airlines at market value has not been carried out so far.

(c) Net worth of Air India and Indian Airlines as on 31.3.93 was Rs. 1195.42 crores and Rs. 344.86 crores respectively. Net worth of Air India is calculated by the formula capital plus reserves minus deferred revenue expenditure. Net worth of Indian Airlines is calculated by the formula capital plus reserves and surpluses minus balance as per profit and loss account.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply given to part (a) above.

(e) Indian Airlines has an operational fleet of 53 aircraft. Air taxi operators have 42 aircraft with them. In 1993, the share of carriage of passenger traffic by Indian Airlines and Air Taxi operators is estimated around 76.4/% and 23.6% respectively. Passenger revenue earned by Indian Airlines during April, 1993—January, 1994 was Rs. 1247.00 crores approximately. The details of revenue collected by private air taxi operators are not available as they are not required to furnish such details to Government.

Ageing of Nuclear reactors

*60 MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is facing the problem of ageing of its Nuclear Reactors with the attendant radiation hazards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken/ propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPTTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER